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Britain, France and Russia.

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CHRONOLOGY OF MOVEMENT NO ANSWERS FROM SENATORS CLIMAX. OF CELEBRATION

Diplomats Express View That Ellyson. Glass and Pollard Tell Closing Exercises of Flag Cen-Sudden Turn of Events May Why They Will Vote State-Change Situation. Wide Ticket.

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tennial Mark Gala Occasion in Baltimore.

tine he was compelled to keep his hat in his hand. He was accompanied by members of his staff on horseback, and these, too, came in for a share of the ovation tendered the Governor along

the line of march.

The telegrams to the two Senators and to nine of the Congressmen were delivered in Washington. That to Congressman Flood was forwarded to him by the telegraph company at Appomatiox.

Congressman Montague sent a prompt acknowledgement of receipt of the telegram, but said that he had no statement to make for publication.

GLASS AND ELLIYSON

ARE FOR PROHIBITION Congressman Carter Glass replied as follows:

"Answering your inquiry, I assume that everybody in Virginia who cares anything about the attitude of public men on the subject of State-wide prophibition knows that I want to see the control of the victory.

The Richmond Blues and Grays made a tremendous hit, just as they did in the military parade yesterday. Both regiments made a fine appearance, and lent plenty of color and beauty to the parade by reason of their natty and gorgeous uniforms. Later at Fort Mc-Henry the unveiling of Edward Berge's heroic statue of Lieutenant-Colonei Armistead, which was creeted by the National Star-Spangled Banner Commission and the Maryland Society of the War of 1812, took place.

Governor Stuart, the chief speaker, delivered an eloquent address, in which he spoke, of the historic facts concerning the bombardment, and of the significance of the victory.

anything about the attitude of public men on the subject of State-wide prohibition knows that I want to see the saloon expelled from the State, and shall vote accordingly."

Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson made the following statement:

"I believe that the best interests of the Commonwealth will be promoted by the abolition of the saloon, and the shall therefore vote for State-wide pro-

ambassador reached Washington and conferred privately with Mr. Bryan. As a result of the conference, the secretary cabled Ambassador Gerard to convey to Emperor William an inquiry from the American government as to whether he desired to confirm the statement reported to have been made by him to the Imperial Chancellor, and repeated by the Chancellor, and repeated by the Chancellor, and repeated by the Chancellor and conferred to Ambassador Page at London, and



GENERAL RETREAT OF GERMANS SEEMS TO BE IN PROGRESS

Fail in Efforts to Break Through French Centre and Retire Northward.

LEAVE WAR MATERIAL IN HURRY TO GET AWAY

Experts Expect a Stand or Counter-Offensive When Reinforcements Arrive.

BELGIAN ARMY ACTIVE AGAIN

Advances From Forts Around Antwerp and Reoccupies Aerschot and Malines.

Death Is Reported of Emperor's S-ns

LONDON, September 12 (mid-night).—An Ostend dispatch to the Renter Telegram Company says: "Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Adalbert, of Prussia, the Emperor's third son, and Prince Carl, of Wurttemburg, are reported to have died in a hospital at Brus-

ago to-day commenced a series of vio French centre, have found their efforts futile, and, evacuating Vitry-Le-Francois, the pivot of their offensive and where they had fortified already strong natural positions, they have retired northward.

This retirement was made imperative by the continued retreet.

tive by the continued retreat of the German right wing, which is somewhere northwest of Rheims, and the defeat of an army corps, which was operating just cast of Vitry-Le-Fran-cois, around Revigny and Sermaize, and which, in its hurry to join the retire-ment, left a quantity of war material behind for the French to pick up.

shind for the French to be the district The Germans in the Argonne district The Germans in the Argonne district The Germans in the Argonne district The Germans in the Germ likewise have begun to fall back, so that the pressure on the forts south-west of Verdun, which a Berlin report

west of Verdun, which a Berlin report said the Germans had commenced to bombard, should be relieved.

In Lorraine, too, the French claim to have won further successes, and to have been enabled to straighten out their line along that frontier. They have occupied territory east of the forest of Champenoux, Gerbeviller, Resainviller and Saint Die, thus references

ting in closer touch with their troops, which, since the early days of the war, have held a bit of German territory in front of Colmar.

Apparently the Germans, who sent the best of their army farther west to take part in the advance on Paris, have found the mountains of Moselle and